

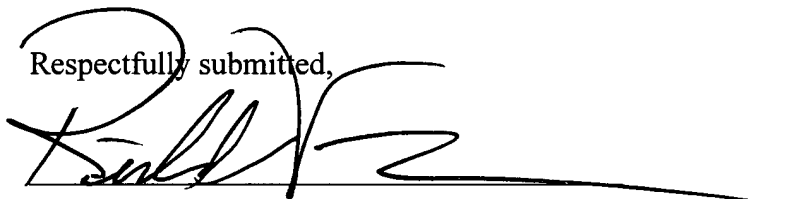
## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 7-9, 14, 15, 19-30 remain pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 1, 9, 15, 19 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to reflect the group and species elected by Applicants in an Amendment and Response filed October 19, 2002. Claim 9 has been amended because of antecedent basis issues, and Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to remove what Applicants believe are minor informalities. No new matter has been added to the subject application by this amendment, nor have any new issues been raised. Applicants reserve the right to pursue patent protection for any subject matter covered by the claims as presented prior to this amendment, in this application or another application claiming priority from the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that as a result of this supplemental amendment, along with the prior Response and Amendment and discussion therein, all of the claims presently pending in this application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephonic interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, Applicant's representative may be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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